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Mrs Susan Austin

Levy Lake
Dodge Co.
Wisconsin

5 June 1864

Nashville June 5th 1864

My dear one

It is two months since I have seen you but the time has passed by so quick that it dont seem possible that I had been gone two months I believe that I am as well to day as the day that I started to come here you wanted me to write what I had to eat every day for a week our rations consists of beans pork bread warm when we brought it home Friday night we have an order for ^{bar six} six ^{bar six} pound of fresh beef ^{bar six} for five days & we have about six pounds of coffee & 10 nd pound sugar & candles & a bar of soap our regular meals is beer soup for breakfast then take bread & beans for dinner with some

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friend Gorman left & Marsh
& Blisset left we got regulated
so that each one will do his
share of the work & no quarling
before they left there was a
row every day & Jim was the
worst of the lot he was allways
grouching about the cooking but
he would not do any thing about him
self as for the bad smell that Jim
wrote a bout I dont know of a
dead mule & horse any where within
a mile or two of our tent & I
dont know of any where except
down by the mule pens there
was 4 or 5 dead mules there
& that was six weeks ago
& I have not been down there since

I only lack 4 pounds of being
as heavy as I am in the summer
in wisconsin & if I keep gaining
as I have for the last three weeks
for the next six I shall be as heavy
as I was when I left home

I am very thankful for your hopes &
prayers & hope that you wont worry
any more about me for I am in
a good place now I have been
transferred from Ready's Depart-
ment to captain Wingo's Department
I am my own boss & no one in
the shop but me at work I
commence at half past seven
& quit at half past five &
that make a great difference
in a days work my business
is making packing boxes for
shipping hard ware of all kinds
I had rather work where I am for
60 dollars than at Ready's for 75
per month there is that difference

Difference in the two shops
I got pay for the month of April
the 30 of May & when I will get
pay for may I dont know
Justin is Transferred to the
hospittle, at 60 Dollars per month
he is next to the Doctor in
command he is about 30
rods from our tent & we are
on a hill so we can see all
over the city we have plenty
of fresh air Jim knows where
the tent was when he left
now love dont worry any more
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(5)

June 5

Monday morning

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(6)

June 5

the other four months will
 pass round, then love I shall
 pay you a visit but I should not
 wonder if I spend the winter here
 next winter if they want hands
 the same as they do now it is a
 bout time to go to work so
 good by my darling you & George both
 ps I did not exactly understand
 what George wanted to know about
 a drum & you did not say anything
 so you can fix that to suit yourself
 Yours as ever H. Austin

Direct all your letters
 & papers to Nashville
 Box No 77

Till I send different word I
 write how much money Jas
 Stapleton has sent home as if
 he does send any the boy wants
 to know

[[Austin Correspondence #2]]

[[Page 1- Envelope]]

[[image- red three cents U.S. postage stamp]]

[[image- faded black circle stamp:
NASHVILLE TEN JUN 7 '64]]

[[image- faded black concentric circles insignia]]

Mrs Susan Austin
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[[different handwriting in a ballpoint pen:]] 5 June 1864

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[[note: below written in pencil]]

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